# HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

*Medical Officer of Health*

and the

*Chief Public Health Inspector*

FOR THE YEAR 1972

HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# A N N U A L  R E P O R T

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FOR 1972

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Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual report for 1972, prepared as directed by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The health of the District has been good. There was very little infectious disease apart from what seemed to be a virus infection producing gastric upsets. Influenza appeared in the late Autumn and Winter and five deaths were attributed to it but in general it seemed that the new variety (called England/72) was not an unduly severe one.

The estimated population was 43,840, an increase of 1470 on last year. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 575. The unadjusted birth rate was 20.2 per 1,000, which is a drop from 22.5 last year and probably a fair indication of the trend towards limiting families. The adjusted birth rate was 16.0 which compares with the national rate of 14.8. It is much below last year's for reasons discussed later.

Re-organisation has continued its course. In Local Government, the union of Fleet and Hartley Wintney is confirmed and the consequent amalgamation of Health Departments is proceeding smoothly.

In the National Health Service, there is agreement that there will be a Health District based on the catchment area of the new Frimley hospital, taking in parts of Hampshire, Surrey and perhaps Berkshire. The new Hartley Wintney Local Government District will be served partly by this Health District and partly by the North Hants Health District from Basingstoke.

Building of Frimley Hospital has been delayed and the date of opening is not yet announced.

I am indebted to Mr. Wild, the Engineer and Surveyor, for a note on the progress of sewerage schemes:-

> The improvements to the sewerage system at Hook and Hartley Wintney are completed.
>
> The construction of the new treatment works at Hartley Wintney is well advanced and should be operational by October of this year.
>
> Work has commenced on the final phase improvements to the sewerage system at Odiham and on the main drainage scheme for Rotherwick and is proceeding satisfactorily.

Finally, I must thank Councillor Hammer and the Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest in my work and their courtesy to me; also the other Officers of the Council; and Mr. Davies and the staff of the Health Department for their help and ready co-operation.

I am, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

JULY 1972

## GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|---|---|
| Area | 50,261 (Acres) |
| Population | 43,840 |

## VITAL STATISTICS

| | | Rates for England and Wales |
|---|---|---|
| **Births** | | |
| Total (including 37 illegitimate) | 887 | |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 20.2 | |
| Rate adjusted by comparability factor (0.79) | 16 | 14.8 |
| Illegitimate as percentage of total | 4 | 9 |
| **Still Births** | | |
| Total (all legitimate) | 7 | |
| Rate per 1,000 all births live and still | 8 | 12 |
| **Total all Births** | 894 | |
| **Deaths** | | |
| Total | 312 | |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 7.1 | |
| Rate adjusted by comparability factor (1.26) | 8.9 | 12.1 |
| **Infant Deaths** | | |
| Total (under 1 year) one illegitimate | 11 | |
| Neo-natal (under 4 weeks) one illegitimate | 4 | |
| Early neo-natal (under 1 week) one illegitimate | 4 | |
| **Infant Mortality Rates** | | |
| Total (per 1,000 live births) | 12 | 17 |
| Neo-natal (per 1,000 live births) | 5 | 12 |
| Early neo-natal (per 1,000 live births) | 5 | 10 |
| Perinatal (still-births and early neo-natal per 1,000 all births) | 12 | 22 |
| **Maternal Mortality** (including abortions) | | |
| Total | None | |
| Rate per 1,000 all births | None | |

The 'adjusted or standardised' birth and death rates are obtained by multiplying the 'crude' rates by figures called 'comparability factors' calculated by the Registrar General to take account of the age structure of the population compared with the whole of England. Hitherto, our factors have been 1.01 for births and 0.99 for deaths, indicating a population of about average structure, although we know that many young families have been moving in to the new housing about Yateley and elsewhere. The Registrar General has now allowed for this and has changed the factor to 0.79 for births and 1.26 for deaths, indicating a younger population which would have more births and fewer deaths than the national average. The adjusted birth rate therefore drops from 22.7 in 1971 to 16 and the adjusted death rate rises from 7 to 8.9. Both however still compare very favourably with the rates for all England. The infants and still-births figures are also well below.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths

| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc. ... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ..... | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..... | 4 | - | 4 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ..... | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..... | 14 | 4 | 18 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..... | - | 3 | 3 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..... | - | 1 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ..... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Leukaemia ..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms ..... | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Diabetes Mellitus ..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Other diseases of nervous system ..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hypertensive Disease ..... | - | 2 | 2 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease ..... | 44 | 33 | 77 |
| Other forms of Heart Disease ..... | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease ..... | 19 | 31 | 50 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System ..... | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Influenza ..... | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Pneumonia ..... | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema ..... | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Peptic Ulcer ..... | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Appendicitis ..... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ..... | 3 | - | 3 |
| Cirrhosis of Liver ..... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System ..... | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis ..... | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate ..... | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System .... | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ..... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Congenital Anomalies ..... | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc. ..... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Symptons and Ill Defined Conditions ..... | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents ..... | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| All Other Accidents ..... | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries ..... | - | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL ALL CAUSES | 160 | 152 | 312 |

As in previous years, Ischaemic Heart Disease is by far the commonest cause. There has been an upward trend over the last ten years and the figure of 77 deaths is exceeded only by the 82 recorded in 1968. The youngest patient was only 39.

Lung cancer remains about its previous level. One had hoped that the anti-smoking propaganda of the early 1960s would be starting to pay dividends. Anyone who gave up smoking at that time has almost attained the status of 'non-smoker' now so far as danger from cancer goes and there should be a downward trend in the figure.

There were 11 infant deaths. Six of the children had congenital defects. In two, prematurity was involved. The other three were due to infections at two to three months.

## Infectious Diseases

The following table shows infectious diseases notified during the past five years:-

| | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Measles ..... | 41 | 40 | 77 | 44 | 8 |
| Scarlet Fever ..... | 10 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Whooping Cough ..... | 13 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Dysentery ..... | - | 3 | 3 | 2 | - |
| Food Poisoning ..... | 5 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| Meningitis ..... | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Infective Jaundice ..... | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Leptospirosis ..... | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis ..... | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 |

The year has been notable for the very few cases of infectious disease. There has, however, been a considerable amount of gastric upset due apparently to virus infections.

Measles seems to be under control through the immunisation programme.

There was only one case of Tuberculosis - not affecting the lungs.

## Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Only one case of gonorrhoea was reported. There were ten cases of conditions other than the main venereal diseases. One patient only was under 18.

Immunisation

The following table shows the number of children immunised during the year:-

| Year of Birth | Triple | | Dip/Tet | | Polio | | Smallpox | | Measles |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P. | B. | P. | B. | P. | B. | Primary | Re.Vac. | |
| 1972 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 2 | - | 1 |
| 1971 | 785 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 787 | 12 | 19 | - | 436 |
| 1970 | 220 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 224 | 19 | - | - | 282 |
| 1969 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 53 | 7 | 37 |
| 1965/68 | 1 | 73 | - | 488 | 1 | 573 | - | - | 52 |
| Under 16 | 1 | 7 | - | 32 | 1 | 103 | 22 | 47 | 26 |
| TOTALS: | 1025 | 126 | 11 | 531 | 1029 | 727 | 96 | 54 | 834 |

398 girls received Rubella

A final boosting dose against Tetanus and Poliomyelitis is now offered to all children before leaving school. Those who were over 16 at the time are not included in the table. The numbers were :-

Tetanus Reinforcement - 3
Poliomyelitis Reinforcement - 3

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951

No action was required

Home Help Service

I am indebted to Mrs. Roberts, the Area Organiser for the following figures of cases dealt with in the District

| | |
|---|---|
| Aged sick and infirm ..... | 161 |
| Chronic Sick ..... | 25 |
| Emergency sickness ..... | 6 |
| Post Hospital ..... | 14 |
| Maternity..... | 22 |
| Child Care ..... | 4 |
| Mentally disordered ..... | 1 |

There were 28 Home Helps employed in the Hartley Wintney District.

Infectious Disease Hospital

The nearest hospitals are at:-
Northfields Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot (Tel: Aldershot 21365)
Green Lane Hospital, Weydon Lane, Farnham (Tel: Farnham 6015)

Ambulance Service

The service is controlled centrally from Winchester (Tel: Winchester 61644) for routine calls and 999 for emergencies. There are stations at Farnborough and Basingstoke.

## Professional Nursing in the Home and Domiciliary Midwifery

| District Served | Name and Address of Nurse |
|---|---|
| Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners mainly in Yateley. | Mrs. K.A. Carroll, 20 Farm View, Yateley, Camberley, Surrey. (Telephone Yateley 2258) |
| Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners. | Mrs. S.B. Delahunty, Avenida, 4 Vigo Lane, Yateley, Camberley. (Telephone Cricket Hill 4430) |
| Attached to Drs. Price and Partners. | Mrs. C.H. Christie, Rosina Cottage, Crowthorne Road, Crowthorne, Berks. (Telephone Crowthorne 2086) |
| Attached to Drs. Price and Partners in Parkhill, Frogmore, East Green Estates, Darby Green and remainder of unattached work in Yateley. | Mrs. M.P. Devereux, 137 College Road, College Town, Camberley. Telephone Camberley 23833) |
| Attached to Drs. Morrison and Partners | Mrs. A. Swain, 1 Hound Green Close, Mattingley, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Heckfield 354) |
| Attached to Drs. Morrison and Partners | Mrs. E.J. Brown, 1 Cedar Cottage, Greywell, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2572) |
| Attached to Drs. Haselden and Partners | Miss M.A. Neal, No. 1 Nurses Flats, Queens Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2629) |

## Health Visitors for the district

| | |
|---|---|
| Attached to Drs. Haselden and Partners | Miss M. Phillpot, 10 Queens Road, North Warnborough, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2189) |
| Attached to Drs. Morrison and Partners | Mrs. O. Biggs, Fairfield, Newnham Road, Hook. (Telephone Hook 2162) |
| Blackwater and Yateley Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners | VACANCY |
| Blackwater and Yateley Attached to Drs. Singer and Partners | Mrs. L. Broughton (only has temporary address at present) |
| Attached to Drs. Price and Partners | Miss F. Battersby, 136 Fairview Road, Ash Hill Estate, Ash, Aldershot. (Telephone Aldershot 23903) |
| Attached to Drs. Price and Partners | Mrs. D. Neanor, Kelston, London Road, Camberley. (Telephone Camberley 22519) |
| Yateley Area | Mrs. J. Driver, Lyngmoore, Curley Hill Road, Lightwater. (Telephone Bagshot 2531) |
| Odiham Area | Mrs. L. Blay (District Nurse) Cornerpiece, Church Lane, Winchfield, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Odiham 2480) |

## Hospital Services

There are three hospitals in the district:-

(1) Odiham Cottage Hospital - North Hampshire Hospital Group
(Telephone Odiham 2300)

8 beds and 1 cot

(2) Yateley and District Hospital - Farnham Group
(Telephone Yateley 82935)

15 beds

(3) Winchfield Hospital - North Hampshire Hospital Group
(Telephone Hartley Wintney 2047)

This is a hospital of 75 beds, mainly geriatric, some chronic sick.

## Chest Clinics

(1) Northfields Hospital, Redan Road, Aldershot
(Telephone Aldershot 21365)

Monday

9.15 a.m. - Old Patients
11.00 a.m. - New Patients

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2nd Monday every month | 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. | Special Bronchitis Clinic |
| One Monday every month | | B.C.G. Session |
| One Monday every month | | Post B.C.G. Session |

Tuesday

9.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. )
2.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. ) - Old Patients

Wednesday

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday )
every month at Fleet Hospital ) - Old and New Patients
1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. )

Thursday

9.15 a.m. Old Patients and Urgent New Patients.

(2) Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke
(Telephone Basingstoke 5001)

Friday

9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. )
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. ) - Old Patients
11.00 a.m. - 12. noon - New Patients.

## V.D. Clinics

(1) Aldershot General Hospital, St. George's Road, Aldershot
(Telephone Aldershot 23201)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males | - | Monday | - | 12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m. |
| | | Wednesday | - | 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. |
| Females | - | Monday | - | 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon |
| | | Wednesday | - | 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. |

V.D. Clinics (Cont'd)

(2) Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Out Patients Annex - (Telephone Winchester 5151)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males<br>Females | - | Monday | - | 2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. |
| Males<br>Females | - | Thursday | - | 3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. |

(3) Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading (Telephone Reading 85111)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Females | - | Wednesday<br>Saturday | -<br>- | 4.00 p.m.<br>2.00 p.m. |
| Males | - | Wednesday<br>Saturday | -<br>- | 2.00 p.m.<br>4.00 p.m. |

Speech Clinics

School Speech Clinics are held at Aldershot and Basingstoke

(1) Aldershot (Telephone Aldershot 24104)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| The School Clinic,<br>St. George's Road East. | - | By appointment - once each week. |

(2) Basingstoke (Telephone Basingstoke 26211)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brambly's Grange Health Clinic | - | By appointment - daily (except Thursday) |

School Eye Clinics

These are a Regional Hospital Board responsibility, administered through the County Council. They are held at the Aldershot Health Clinic (telephone Aldershot 24577) by appointment. Also at Brambly's Grange Health Centre, Basingstoke by appointment. Appointments are arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Laboratory Service

The service for this area is divided between the Public Health Laboratory Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, (telephone Winchester 3807) and the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, (telephone Reading 52957).

Child Health Centres

| | | Held at 2.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated |
|---|---|---|
| Church Crookham | Elizabeth War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane. | Every Tuesday Medical Officers in Department each session. |
| Blackwater | Red Cross Hall, Ryecroft Gardens | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays |
| Blackwater | The Surgery, Hartley Corner, Darby Green | Every Tuesday and Friday (Dr. J. Price) |
| Eversley | Village Hall | 1st Tuesday (G.P.) |
| Frogmore | Darby Green and Frogmore Social Hall, Frogmore Blackwater | Every Wednesday (Dr. Lambert 2nd only) |

Child Health Centres (Cont'd)

| | | Held at 2.00 p.m. unless otherwise stated |
|---|---|---|
| Hartley Wintney | Former Civil Defence Centre | 1st and 3rd Thursdays (Dr. James) |
| Hawley | Memorial Hall, Main Road | 4th Wednesday Medical Officers in Department |
| Hook | (1) Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road | 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (Dr. Haselden) |
| | (2) Bellmeadow Estate Surgery, Station Road | 2nd and 4th Thursdays (Dr. James) |
| Odiham | (1) The Surgery, High Street | 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Drs. Haselden and Roper) |
| | (2) Station Sick Quarters, R.A.F. Odiham | 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays Medical Officers in Department |
| Yateley | (1) W.I. Hut Reading Road | 2nd and 4th Thursdays Medical Officer in Department (Dr. Cundill) |
| | (2) The Surgery, Firgrove Road, Yateley | Every Tuesday (Dr. Singer) |

Orthopaedic Clinics

Surgeons and Remedial Clinics are held at Basingstoke General Hospital, Hackwood Road, Basingstoke. Remedial Clinics are also held at the Aldershot General Hospital. Attendance at these clinics are by appointment from the respective Hospital.

Dental Treatment

All expectant and nursing mothers and pre-school children may receive a dental inspection and treatment on application. All school children are examined regularly by the County Dental Officer and treatment is carried out in the mobile dental clinics at schools in the area, attendance by appointment only.

Any cases requiring emergency treatment can also be seen at either the Dental Clinic, Health Centre, Wellington Avenue, Aldershot, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. (telephone Aldershot 24577). Also at Brambly's Grange Health Clinic, Basingstoke, (telephone Basingstoke 26211) on Mondays to Fridays from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or the Dental Clinic attached to the Courtmoor School, Fleet (telephone Fleet 6363) by appointment.

## Child Guidance

Clinics are held by appointment only at:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Health Centre, Wellington Avenue, Aldershot. (Telephone Aldershot 24577) | Appointments arranged by clinic |
| (2) | Health Centre Annexe, 14 Winchester Road, Basingstoke, Hants. (Telephone Basingstoke 25553) | Appointments arranged by clinic |

## Family Planning Service

| CLINIC | SESSION TIME |
|---|---|
| Aldershot General Hospital | Tuesdays 7.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. |
| Aldershot Health Centre, Wellington Avenue | Fridays alternate<br>9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.<br>1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.<br>Fridays 1st and 3rd mornings<br>9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.<br>Friday afternoons IUD sessions<br>1.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. |
| Aldershot Middle Hill | Wednesdays 1.45 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. |
| Aldershot Blackdown Camp | Thursdays 1st and 3rd<br>1.45 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. |

For appointments write to the Health Centre, Wellington Avenue, Aldershot or telephone Health Centre Clinic during clinic sessions.

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|---|---|
| Chineham House, Reading Road, Basingstoke. | 2nd and 4th Thursdays<br>10.00 a.m. - 12 noon |
| 8 Fairfields Road, Basingstoke (run by the Family Planning Association) (telephone Basingstoke 26980) | Every Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon<br>Every Tuesday Advisory<br>5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.<br>Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.<br>2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.<br>6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.<br>Every Thursday 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.<br>5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.<br>Every Friday 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.<br>Counselling session 1st Monday monthly for young couples |
| Falconhurst, Fairfields Road, Basingstoke. (telephone Basingstoke 22090) | Mondays 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.<br>Wednesdays 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. |

## Cervical Cytology

Clinics are held at Brambly's Grange, Basingstoke, for women aged 35 years and over, who wish to undergo a simple test for early detection of cancer of the womb. Appointments for this clinic are made with the County Medical Officer, The Castle, Winchester.

## Social Services

The Area Director for North East Hampshire (Mr. W.J. Shaw) is now located at 200 Victoria Road, Aldershot, (telephone Aldershot 314221).

Two groups of Area Social Workers operate from the same office. One covers Crookham, Odiham and southern parishes along with Aldershot and Fleet. The other covers the northern parishes and Farnborough, which include Blackwater, Bramshill, Cove, Eversley, Eversley Cross, Frogmore,

Social Services (Cont'd)

Hartley Wintney, Hazeley, Heckfield, Hook, Mattingley, Phoenix Green, Rotherwick, West Green and Yateley.

Applications for Assistance should be made to:-

Monday to Friday, 9.00 - 5.30 p.m., Hippodrome House, Aldershot

For emergencies at other times, to County Ambulance Control, (Winchester 61644), who will have the name and telephone number of the Social Worker on duty.

HARTLEY WINTNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

# ANNUAL REPORT

# OF THE

# CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

# FOR 1972

(GENERAL AND WET SCAVENGING SERVICES)

(to 31st MARCH 1973)

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Hartley Wintney,
BASINGSTOKE,
Hants.

D.J. Davies, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Chief Public Health Inspector

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I submit my Annual Report for 1972 including the refuse collection and wet scavenging services to the 31st March, 1973. The essential work of maintaining the environmental health standards of the district has continued and I should like to bring the following matters of particular interest to the notice of the Council.

All local authorities were asked by the Department of the Environment to survey their districts and to ascertain the number of houses which did not reach the required twelve point standard. Although this imposed a heavy burden on the Department, I am pleased to say that it was possible to complete this task within the time alloted with no additional help. It did mean however, that some basic routine inspection work had to be shelved. It was of great assistance to have a previous survey carried out in the early 1950s and this gave a basis on which to work. The survey showed that out of a total of 12,126 occupied houses in the district only 698 did not meet the full standard considered suitable for today's housing. A great deal of improvement and renovation has, of course, taken place within the Rural District during the past twenty years and this is reflected in the fact that the bucket emptying routes in 1956 were dealing with 834 cottages and today there are less than 40.

The duty of inspecting all animals slaughtered for human consumption has been carried out and there was an increase of 30% in the number dealt with in the small private slaughter-house. The only licenced knackers yard in the district closed during the year.

The refuse collection services have continued without interruption during the year and apart from the weekly collection of domestic refuse there has been an increased demand for the removal of other household articles which rose by one third and resulted in 1,608 special visits. The first complete year of tipping at Heath Warren, Bramshill was successful and I am pleased to say that with the equipment provided and the unlimited covering material available, all aspects of the Code of Practice have been fully complied with. The rate of fill at the tip is such that the days of controlled tipping are numbered and it will be necessary under local government re-organisation to combine with adjoining districts and use the proposed new pulveriser to be installed in Aldershot. The requirements of the Civic Amenities Act have been met by providing a disposal point at Hazeley Heath for members of the public to use. This unfortunately cannot be controlled and there will be less nuisance when a new site is obtained adjacent to the Hares Lane sewage disposal works. The situation was relieved during the year when Fleet Urban District Council provided a site in their own district which resulted in less refuse being deposited at Hazeley Heath.

During the year some work was also carried out with regard to local government re-organisation and from our preliminary talks it would appear that a satisfactory merger will be possible with our colleagues in the Public Health Department of Fleet with no disadvantage or inconvenience to the general public.

Finally, I would like to record my appreciation to all members of the Department for their support during the year. At all times they have had the concern of the public foremost in their work and have remained courteous and understanding. I am pleased to say that Mr. O. Roker who took over as rodent operator in June has carried out his duties efficiently and well.

I am, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant.

D. J. Davies

CHEIF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## PUBLIC HEALTH - GENERAL

### Nuisances

The complaints received by the department under this broad heading are many and varied. They range from general defects such as leaking roofs and dampness to noise nuisances and insect infestations. All complaints were investigated and dealt with informally which requires time, tact and patience.

### Drainage

The extensive works on main drainage in the Hartley Wintney, Odiham and Hook areas, including the new disposal works, are currently in hand. This will also provide for the public sewer to be laid at Rotherwick. These works are progressing well and it is anticipated that the contract date will be met and the new sewer and disposal works will be complete during the present year.

### Water Supply

The district is supplied with main water by the Mid Southern Water Company and I am grateful to the Chief Engineer for the following report:-

The sources supplying the Rural District are all underground in the chalk formation. All are subject to treatment, and regular examination has shown that the processes are continually effective in producing a water suitable for public supply purposes.

Immediate remedial measures would be initiated if sampling revealed contamination of a treated water. Reservoirs and taps in distribution are examined regularly, and new mains as laid are chlorinated and sampled prior to use for supply purposes.

No reliable information is available for this particular area of the population supplied, but the number of connections was approximately, as follows:-

| Parish | 1972 |
|---|---|
| Bramshill | 71 |
| Crondall | 723 |
| Crookham | 219 |
| Dogmersfield | 101 |
| Eversley | 433 |
| Greywell | 96 |
| Hartley Wintney | 1264 |
| Hartley Wintney (Elvetham Ward) | 92 |
| Hawley | 1898 |
| Heckfield | 74 |
| Hook | 820 |
| Long Sutton | 145 |
| Mattingley | 202 |
| Odiham | 1053 |
| Rotherwick | 184 |
| South Warnborough | 152 |
| Winchfield | 130 |
| Yateley | 5217 |

### Independent Water Supplies

A few properties in the district have their own individual shallow wells and these are sampled as occasion demands:-

| Parish | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eversley | - | 1 | 1 |
| Heckfield | 1 | - | 1 |
| Mains Water | 4 | - | 4 |
| | | | 6 |

# HOUSING

The duties of the Council in dealing with houses unfit for human habitation under the Housing Act, 1957, have been carried out when necessary. There are no large groups of properties suitable for clearance areas at the present time, and all properties have been dealt with as individual unfit houses. The owners concerned were co-operative and it was not necessary to institute legal proceedings in any case. During the year the following six premises were either demolished, closed or restored:-

## Premises Demolished

Reading Lodge, Heckfield
White Cottage, Moulsham Lane, Yateley

## Properties Restored

Lower Pitham House, Heckfield
2 Stapeley Down Cottages, Long Lane, Odiham
2 Spring Water Cottage, Bramshill Common

## Written Undertaking

Runnimede, Pankridge Street, Crondall

Properties which are unfit come to the notice of the department through general inspection of the district and housing applications and 32 were down-graded to this category during the year. Since the unfit housing survey of 1955, a total of 332 premises have been dealt with.

## Council Housing - Letting

The department is responsible for the allocation of Council houses through the Allocation Sub-Committee and the following statistics are supplied for information:-

| | |
|---|---|
| New applications accepted in 1972 ..... | 265 |
| Applications refused ..... | 26 |

The state of the housing waiting list at 31st December, 1972 was as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Flats ..... | 107 |
| Nil/one child ..... | 324 |
| Two or more children ..... | 151 |
| | 582 |

The total number of families re-housed during the year was 68 in the following Parishes:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Crondall ..... | 5 |
| Eversley ..... | 12 |
| Hartley Wintney ..... | 14 |
| Hawley ..... | 1 |
| Hook ..... | 7 |
| Long Sutton ..... | 1 |
| Mattingley ..... | 1 |
| Odiham ..... | 6 |
| South Warnborough ..... | 3 |
| Yateley ..... | 18 |
| | 68 |

## Registered Premises

The Council is required to register premises where ice-cream is manufactured or sold, and some 109 sell pre-wrapped ice-cream manufactured by the larger firms outside the district. Five ice-cream samples were taken and they were all satisfactory.

In addition 26 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages, cooking of hams, etc.

## Unsound Food

| | |
|---|---|
| Carcase Meat (Shops) ..... | 147 lbs. |
| Rabbit ..... | 30 lbs. |
| Canned Meat ..... | 38 lbs. |
| Sausages ..... | 28 lbs. |
| Fresh Fish ..... | 1094 lbs. |
| Potatoes ..... | 1832 lbs. |
| Poultry ..... | 224 lbs. |
| Rice ..... | 70 lbs. |
| Vegetables (frozen) ..... | 4 lbs. |
| Frozen Foods - Refrigerator failure and damage ..... | 3369 packets. |

## Milk

The local authority is responsible for registering premises where milk is retailed and there are 35 in the district. There are no pasteurising plants in this area.

## Meat Inspection

There is one licenced slaughterhouse in the district at Odiham. All carcases were inspected and the throughput totalled 1216 animals.

## Poultry Processing

There are no poultry slaughterhouses in the district.

## Knackers Yard

The licenced premises at Hook were inspected regularly throughout the year and were well maintained, clean and the records were up to date. These animals are not for human consumption, the meat being used for pet foods after sterilisation. The owner decided not to renew his licence after the 31st December, 1972 and from this date the premises ceased to operate.

## Factories

The Council is responsible for enforcing standards of sanitary accommodation in factories where mechanical power is used and for certain other matters in non-powered factories. Visits were made during the year but no contraventions were found.

The following factories are in the district:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | With mechanical power ..... | 89 |
| (b) | Non-powered factories ..... | 4 |
| | | 93 |

## Caravans

There are 8 licenced caravan sites in the district used for permanent occupation. These provide 333 hardstandings and regular inspections are made to ensure the conditions of the licence issued by the Council are complied with. The caravan sites are situated as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Oaklands Park, Frogmore, Yateley ..... (Mr. C.L. Phillips) | 104 |
| Blackbushe Park, Dungells Lane, Yateley ..... (Laundspach Property Company) | 85 |
| Martins, Sandy Lane, Cove ..... (Mr. C.A.J. Martin) | 38 |
| Hill Corner Farm, Sandy Lane, Cove ..... (Mrs. E.A.E. Watson) | 33 |
| Chilton Farm, Fleet Road, Cove ..... (Mr. R.W. Yeomans) | 30 |
| Hook Common Post Office ..... (Mr. R. Cousins) | 23 |
| Kingsbridge Meadow, School Road, Hook ..... (Mr. H. Buckland) | 12 |
| Sheila's Cottage, Mill Lane, Yateley ..... (Mr. L.J. Young) | 8 |
| | 333 |

During the year the planning consent for the caravan site at Oaklands Park terminated and the land is designated for permanent housing development. In view of the large number of caravans on the site an extension of five years was given for the site to run down, either by natural means or re-housing the occupants into Council accommodation. By the end of the year there were 63 caravans remaining on the site.

## Individual Caravans

In addition to the larger sites there are 23 single caravans licenced for living accommodation. These are mainly used for specific purposes, e.g., in connection with agriculture. These caravans are also subject to certain standard conditions and routine visits are made. A site licence automatically expires when planning consent ends.

## FOOD PREMISES

As will be seen from the following table there are 233 food premises in the district. Routine visits are made and the general standard throughout the district is a good one. Most occupiers are aware that attractive well laid out premises are conducive to good business and there have been a number of improvements to existing shops during the year. Consultations with builders and shop fitters usually take place in the case of new premises:-

| | No. of Premises |
|---|---|
| Cafes and Restaurants ..... | 20 |
| Hotels and Public Houses ..... | 60 |
| Off Licences ..... | 3 |
| Butcher and Fishmongers ..... | 17 |
| General Provisions ..... | 54 |
| Greengrocers ..... | 14 |
| Confectioners ..... | 22 |
| Fish Friers ..... | 3 |
| Bakehouses ..... | 2 |
| Canteens ..... | 32 |
| Take Away Food Shops ..... | 6 |
| | 233 |

### Out Workers

There are two persons registered in the district carrying out work in their own homes.

### Offices and Shops

Occupiers of premises used for these purposes must register with the Local Authority if persons are employed for more than 21 hours a week. The following statistics are taken from the Council's annual return to the Ministry:-

| | No. of Registered Premises | No. of Persons Employed |
|---|---|---|
| Offices ..... | 40 | 188 |
| Retail Shops ..... | 116 | 467 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses .. | 2 | 20 |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .... | 32 | 179 |
| Fuel storage depots ..... | 2 | 9 |
| | 192 | 863 |

## RODENT CONTROL

During the year a total of 520 treatments were carried out for the destruction of rats and mice in the district. This includes 61 agricultural holdings and the remainder were either dwelling-houses, local authority or business premises. The rodent control service is free to all domestic properties, the others being charged on a time and labour basis.

### Contracts

The system of contracts, mainly with farmers and large establishments, was continued. Regular inspections are carried out each month and treatment is undertaken when necessary. An annual payment is made to the Council for this service by the owners and this amounted to £677.67 in 1972. The number of properties covered by the contract system was 69.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The regular weekly collection of refuse from domestic and business premises has been maintained throughout the year. As usual alternative collections or plastic sacks are provided for those properties where the collection coincided with the Bank Holidays and householders were notified by leaflet of the arrangements. The 'special collection' service of the Council, which is free of charge, was again helpful to occupiers of property in the district and some 1,608 visits were made to remove armchairs, refrigerators and other bulky commodities.

### Collection

This service continued to operate with seven modern refuse vehicles, one of these acting as a spare for the other six. The establishment of drivers and refuse collectors was 30 and there were no major problems of staffing. It has been necessary to increase the special Saturday collections of unwanted domestic articles in order to meet the demand.

Disposal

All domestic and industrial wastes continue to be disposed of at the controlled refuse tip sited at Heath Warren, Bramshill. The Council have two machines working full time and I am pleased to say that with the unlimited covering material available the tip has been well run and in accordance with the standard required by the Department of the Environment. Provision continues to be made for the reception of all refuse from the Fleet Urban District and I am able to report that no major difficulties arose during the year. The Civic Amenities tip at Hazeley Heath was also kept in operation and the rubbish placed here by members of the public was removed each week to the controlled tip. It has been difficult to prevent abuse of this facility as during the evenings and particularly at week-ends, there is no control or supervision. The Fleet Urban District Council arranged for a site in their own district to be available for house-holders in that area and this has resulted in less refuse being deposited at Hazeley Heath. As it is intended to use the present site as a car park, provision has been made for a new disposal point at the cleansing depot at Hares Lane, Hartley Wintney.

It is now clear that the responsibility for the disposal of refuse will be the concern of the County Council who will probably arrange for the district Councils to act as agents in this matter, at any rate for a few years to come.

Salvage

The collection of waste paper, cardboard and metals continued to form a part of the general scavenging scheme. In spite of a restriction during part of the year on the sale of waste paper to the mills an income of £5125.30 was achieved. A bonus of £1.01 was paid to each employee per week from this income and the scheme also has the advantage that less waste paper is received at the tip.

## WET SCAVENGING

The Council have three tankers working on this service, emptying cesspools in the non-sewered parts of the district. Disposal of cesspool contents is into the public sewers at suitable points but will eventually all come to the new sewage works being built in Hartley Wintney. The number of cesspools emptied during the year was 3,898 and amounted to 10,283 loads. Of the total number of cesspools 49 were new ones emptied for the first time. Properties which are outside the sewered areas receive two free emptyings per year on request, one in each six months, and the charge for any additional emptying is 70p for the first load and 35p for each subsequent load (a load is equal to 700 gallons or part thereof). The service is not provided to premises which have not connected to the public sewer but could do so; twelve months' notice of withdrawal was served on each householder. The average bonus for the six men employed on this service was £1.99 per week.